in all Departmental Promotion Committees constituted during the last three years for promotion from one scale to another where reservation/concessions are applicable.

(c) Backlog of only one vacancy each in SC and ST categories remains unfilled while giving promotions from clerical to Assistant Manager (Computer) as on 12th January, 2001. Since then promotions have not taken place in the cadre. The Bank is likely to fill up the backlog of vacancies at the time of future promotion as per its extant policy.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Adjustment of departure time of small aircrafts

2627. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state what are the reasons, the departure of small aircrafts to different destinations like Imphal, Agartala, Dimapur, from Guwahati could not be linked with Delhi-Guwahati flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): The available fleet of four ATR-42 aircraft provides maximum intra North East connectivity. At present, connectivity with Delhi-Guwahati flight of Indian Airlines is available to Dimapur and Agartala thrice a week. ATR operations to Imphal are yet to commence. However, Imphal is connected directly to Delhi *via* Guwahati twice a week.

Apart from this, connectivity is also provided from Delhi to stations in North-East *via* Kolkata and *vice versa*.

Sales outlets of IA at Airports

2628. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has sales outlets at various airports in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such sales outlets of Indian Airlines at the airports;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such sales outlets are not commercially successful and cost Indian Airlines very heavily;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Commercial Director of Indian Airlines has ordered that such outlets should not accept MCOs of passengers; and

(e) if so, the reasons for such outdated concepts being practiced by Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Total number of such sales outlets of Indian Airlines, at the airports, is 56.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Provision of Aerobridge at Patna Airport

2629. SHRI LALU PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the civil airport at Patna has been upgraded as Jaiprakash Narayan International Airport;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this airport doesn't have the facility of aerobridge; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide this facility at Patna Airport and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Patna Airport has been renamed as "Jaiprakash Narayan International Airport". Customs and Immigration facilities are available there. International flights from Nepal are operating from this airport.